

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-13 and 15-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends Claims 11, 13, 15-18, and 20 and cancels Claim 1.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 14-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended Claim 11 to include all of the features recited in allowable Claim 14 and allowable Claim 18 to be in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 11 and 18 are allowable.

Claims 11 and 13 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1 of copending Application No. 11/721,299 in view of Snyder et al. (U.S. 6,276,862). Applicant notes that the Examiner clearly inadvertently listed canceled Claims 1 and 3, instead of correctly listing Claims 11 and 13.

Since, as noted above, Claim 11 has been amended to include all of the features of allowable Claim 14, Applicant respectfully submits that the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 11 and 13 is moot.

Claims 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lucchesi et al. (U.S. 2,715,906). As noted above, Claim 11 has been amended to include all of the features of allowable Claim 14. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 11-13 over Lucchesi et al. is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 11 and 18 are allowable. Claims 12, 13, and 15-21 depend upon Claims 11 and 18, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that Claims 11 and 18 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt

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allowance are solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a One-Month Extension of Time, extending to September 15, 2008 (September 14, 2008 falls on a Sunday), the period for response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2008.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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